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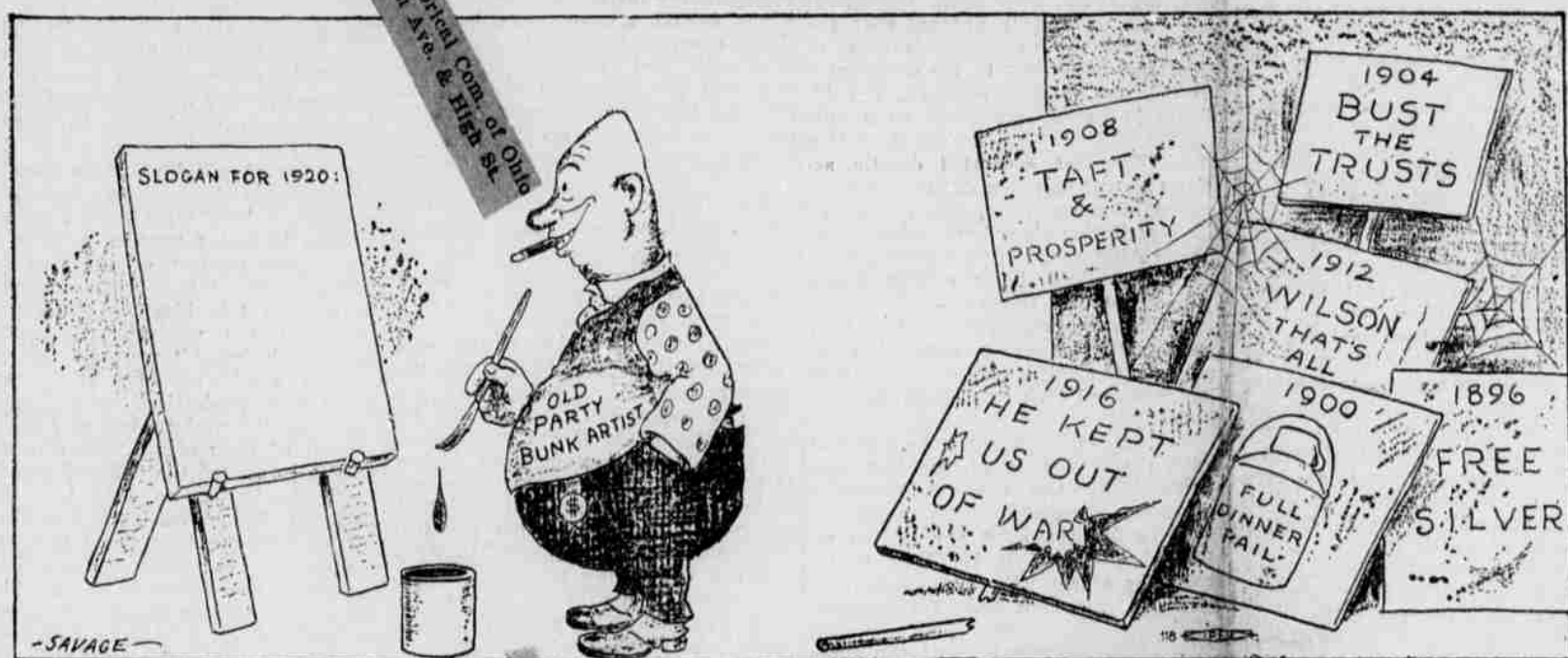
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AGE 140 YEARS

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

— By Paul Hanna —
Staff Correspondent,
The Federated Press.

WASHINGTON.—Behind the release of more than 100 prisoners seized in raids during the past few months by Attorney General Palmer there is a conflict of policy which neither the attorney general nor the secretary of labor has thus far confessed.

Palmer and Acting-Secretary of Labor Post have both given their support to the general impression that lack of evidence is responsible for the sudden freeing of radical aliens. That is true, but it is not all the truth. Against scores of hundreds of prisoners the attorney general possessed no evidence whatever. Presumably very much frightened himself by the wholly unexplained bomb explosion at his Washington home, Palmer suspended all constitutional guarantees and proceeded to imprison every person whose reputation or social obscurity made it safe to treat in such a manner.

The present wholesale freeing of alien radicals is a direct outgrowth of those high-handed tactics. Against those methods the department of labor filed vigorous and repeated protests with the attorney general. But popular hysteria reinforced Palmer. His chief confederate was Anthony Caminetti, commissioner of immigration within the labor department, who agreed that "to save the nation" the constitution might properly be ignored.

Until the public reaction against Palmerism came, the department of labor was helpless. But certain court decisions have recently been rendered which give the labor department the whip hand over Palmer. Two different federal judges have declared that evidence secured against a prisoner by the forcible search without warrant of his person or premises is no evidence at all.

In addition, the supreme court recently threw out a civil suit brought by Palmer because the attorney general's evidence had been procured in the course of a raid, without warrant, upon the offices of a corporation. After being compelled to return documents seized in the illegal raid, the attorney general's office had come into court again with photostats of the same documents, and a request that the court then order the defendant to produce originals.

Exasperated by this exhibition of the strong-arm plus chicanery, the supreme court declared that it was

to make a mockery of constitutional guarantees if evidence first procured illegally should be legalized by such a trick.

Secretary of Labor Wilson is described by his friends as a man who does not like to make a fight unless the chance of winning is excellent. The letter of the law appearing to support the attorney general in his raids against alien radicals, the labor department chief "lay low," his friends say, and waited for his opportunity to come. The court opinions cited above created this opportunity.

In the absence, due to illness, of Secretary Wilson, Assistant Secretary Post undertook a review of the many cases to ascertain how many of the persons held had been seized or subjected to search without warrant by the attorney general. He meanwhile issued orders which immediately restored the right of prisoners to see counsel and to procure freedom under bond.

The backbone of Palmer's position was broken by that single order respecting counsel and bail. To succeed in the newspaper headlines, the attorney general required a darkened laboratory. Railroad-conquered light spoiled every picture he tried to develop.

In the course of his inquiry Mr. Post discovered that a huge proportion of Palmer's captives had been the victims of utterly illegal raids while hundreds of others remained still, not incriminated by any hook or crook of their persecutors.

While seeking to avoid publicity, for tactical reasons, the department of labor proceeded at once to liberate the totally innocent prisoners, and to plan the early discharge of those against whom prima facie cases had been established through the illegal search of premises and person.

Palmer must either acquiesce in the wholesale jail delivery of his prey or make ready to fight it out in open court against the secretary of labor. Secretaries Wilson and Post waited long for this hour to arrive. They are reported ready to fight. If Palmer thinks he can justify his arrests without warrants, the courts will hear his argument.

MR. BLOCK'S PRAYER.

Oh, Lords of the Land, who own the world,

The factory, the mine and mill
We come to thee and on bended knee
And ask if it be your will,

That we run your machines and till
your soil,
And gather their fruits for you;
That when it is sold for yellow gold
You'll give us a penny or two?

You may ride around in your automobile,
Or flirt with another men's wife,
You may drink your booze
And get drunk if you choose
Or lead any kind of a life.

If you'll only permit us to earn our bread
In this grand old land of the free
We'll work while you shirk
And we'll euss the Red,
And save this old world for thee.

Our backs may break
And our old bones shake
Our arms may pull in two;
Our brains may rust
Our ribs may bust
But we'll keep on working for you.

Amen.

William J. Ake.

WHO ARE 100% PATRIOTS?

By James Pontius.

During the war the country from North to South and East to West was plastered with what we could not help but call the Capitalists' hypocritical, patriotic posters praising the wealthy and slandering the poor, and the kept and paid press acted as "me too's" in encouraging that sentiment. The propaganda was so unreasonable and absurd that we wrote a similar article to this one exposing the dope, but it was refused space in the papers.

Their aim was to make the common people believe that this dope meant, he who gave \$100 or the corporation that induced its entire force to give, whether it robbed their families or not, was 100 per cent patriotic and so on down according to the amounts given.

This seemed to have been the rich men's slogan, but few things can be farther from the truth. Were we to base patriotism on such idea, people with money would be the only patriots and all the poor would be unpatriotic. Many had nothing to give, and very few but small amounts. To prove our assertion let us ask ourselves the honest and real questions as a guide to true patriotism.

Does true patriotism depend on those who talk or act; the laborers or profiteers; those who gave their lives or their money?

The few wealthy of the 110,000,000 American people pretend to believe that true patriotism depends on giving a small part of their wealth or force the poor to pay to support the flag and the country, while the millions think giving one's life for the country is still greater patriotism. We think with the latter for the reason when our lives are ended our money will do us no good, but if our money is gone we still have a chance to make good.

But for the sake of argument we will be fair and put both labor and capital on an equality—50% for each. With such a foundation who is the 100% patriot? That's easy. He who gives his life and all he has is the only 100% patriot, for the reason that no one can do more.

Suppose A has nothing to give but his life, B has \$100, C has \$1,000,000 and D has \$1,000,000,000 and each would give his life and all he has, each would be 100% patriots. But suppose those with the money would only give their money or only a part of it and A gives as before, he would be the only 100% patriot, the others would only be 50% or less according to the amounts given. This is too plain to be denied; and to prove this we refer you to the last part of the 12th chapter of Mark wherein Jesus said to those who cast money into the treasury, that the poor widow who threw in two mites "cast in more than all they which have cast into the treasury," because she cast in all she had, even her living. Mark you, Jesus did not say any one who cast into the treasury, but all they who cast into the treasury—meaning all together. So with the widows at the wash tubs who put in their time to keep

their children from want and the Government from aiding them, though they had nothing to give to the Red Cross or to buy bonds, are certainly as patriotic as those who gave no matter how much. If this is not true admit that Jesus did not know what he was talking about.

So it was with the poor laboring men (and we know of many who had not \$50. worth of property in their names and some who had not even a sheet to put up on their beds and had to live in furnished rooms) yet nearly all took a \$50. or more, Liberty bond which made each a strong 50% patriot. While not one of all the balance—the bankers, merchants, corporations, doctors, lawyers, politicians, officials, clergymen, capitalists, etc. gave all they had in order to make them 50% patriots, and those who gave less than 10% of their wealth are even less than 5% patriots for their lives are not sacrificed and talk don't count—it all depends on what is done.

Now let us see what per cent the millionaires and billionaires test—those who so often prate about their loyalty and patriotism. Nearly all that any of them have thus far given the government had to force out of them from income, graduated and inheritance taxes. We know of none who even gave 10 per cent of their wealth, besides beating the government out of millions by their profiteering. Henry Ford may be an exception though he at first opposed the war. It is stated that he sold all his war materials to the government at cost. If you can point out any others who did likewise we will stand corrected.

A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES: If millionaire only gave \$10,000 and a billionaire only \$10,000,000 each would only be one half of one per cent patriots. Besides Esq. Governor Johnson of California, now in the United States Senate, said the corporations in 1916 made from 500 to 1000 per cent on their money from selling munitions to the government.

And since then, if we can credit newspaper reports, many other corporations have made several hundred per cent more profits than did the ones Mr. Johnson spoke of. So instead of giving \$10,000 or \$10,000,000, as the case may be, to be but one-half of one per cent patriots, they took advantage of the government in its peril and made even more than 500 to 1000 per cent on their money instead of an honest 6 to 8 per cent.

Thus, as we speak of the card players who fails to make as much as he bids, goes "into the hole". So with these fellows, instead of giving a sufficient sum to make them but one-half of one per cent patriots, have made, according to reports, more than 500 to 1000 percent—leaving them that much "in the hole" from extortion, or, if you please, so much less than no per cent patriots. Figures don't lie. This is why Congressman Emerson of Ohio introduced a resolution in Congress to put those fellows on the criminal list to prosecute them. And were the administration but one-fourth as willing and anxious to bring those fellows to justice, as they are the hungry poor, all the millionaires and billionaires profits (Continued on page 4.)

Labor Jury Charges Conspiracy of Capitalist Interests in I. W. W. Case.

— By John Nicholas Beffel. —
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TACOMA, WASH.—The labor jury, organized by six central bodies of organized workers to watch the Centralia labor trial at Montesano has just after reviewing all the evidence, it found the 10 I. W. W. defendants not guilty of murdering Lieut. Warren O. Grimm on armistice day.

Ample proof was offered, according to the labor jury's findings, to show that Grimm participated in the attack on the I. W. W. hall in Centralia. Cognizance was taken of the fact that the court refused to permit the introduction of evidence vital to the defense; and the labor jury expressed its conviction that the troops were brought to Montesano, the trial scene, to prejudice the jury.

Meeting in the Labor Temple here, the workers' jury issued its report as follows:

"Was there a conspiracy by the business interests of Centralia to raid the I. W. W. hall there? Verdict, yes. Evidence was offered by the defense to show that the Centralia business interests held a meeting at the Elks' Club on Oct. 20, 1919, at which meeting Police Chief A. C. Hughes and William Seales, commander of the local American Legion post, were present. At this meeting Police Chief Hughes quoted Prosecuting Attorney Herman Allen as saying that the I. W. W. could not legally be banished from the town, because they had violated no law. To the same effect also Hughes quoted City Attorney H. E. Grimm, brother of Warren Grimm.

"F. W. Hubbard, lumber magnate, then said: 'It's a damn shame; law or no law, if I were chief of police, I would run them out of town within 24 hours.' William Seales, chairman of the meeting, said that while he was not in favor of a raid, no jury in America would convict anybody who might raid the I. W. W. hall. He then announced that he would appoint a secret committee to deal with the I. W. W. situation.

"Was the I. W. W. hall unlawfully raided? Verdict, yes. The evidence introduced convinces us that an attack was made before a shot was fired. Had the defendants a right to defend their hall? Verdict, yes. In April, 1918, an earlier I. W. W. hall in Centralia was raided by the tail-end of a Red Cross parade. The furniture made its report. By a unanimous vote, after reviewing all the evidence, it found the 10 I. W. W. defendants not guilty of murdering Lieut. Warren O. Grimm on armistice day.

"This testimony was refuted by five witnesses who swore that they saw Grimm coming wounded from the direction of the I. W. W. hall. It is not credible that Van Gilder, who was Grimm's intimate friend, would leave him mortally wounded, to walk half a block alone and unaided.

"Did the defendants get a fair and impartial trial? Verdict, no. The most damaging evidence of a conspiracy by the business men of Centralia to raid the I. W. W. hall was ruled out by Judge John N. Wilson and was not permitted to go to the jury.

"Also the calling of federal troops by Prosecuting Attorney Allen was done for no other reason than to create atmosphere. The presence of American Legion members in court in large numbers also was a factor to weigh against an impartial decision by the jury.

Signers of the labor jury's verdict were: Paul K. Mohr, of the Seattle Central Labor Council, who was chairman; Theodore Meyer, Everett Central Labor Council; John O. Craft, Seattle Metal Trades Council; E. W. Thrall, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Centralia division; W. J. Beard, Tacoma Central Labor Council; and Otto Neumann, Portland Central Labor Council.

All of these organizations except the Brotherhood of Trainmen are integral parts of the American Federation of Labor.

before our coming that there was a more or less efficient working organization of local government in the village soviets. We destroyed it and put back a local autocracy in the persons of officials and military commanders whose object was to get out of the villages what they could. A man with some feelings of humanity, I suffered from what I saw. We captured big estates run by agricultural communes—a sort of state farms. Considering all the difficulties they were in good condition, well stocked with beasts, geese, etc., all well cared for. We literally sacked them, handing them over to soldiers, who killed even the cows, after which we restored the estate to its pre-revolution owner.

"Our people had sacked the estates which the 'reds' had organized and the old owners have no capital with which to run these things themselves. It was the same everywhere. The 'reds' had preserved palaces, etc., absolutely untouched. There was a different story to tell after we had left them."

"I am convinced, from what I saw

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